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MESSAGE

FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

TRANSMITTING

A REPORT

OF

THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,

OF THE

Operation of that Establishment during the Year 1816.

January 7, 1817.

Read, and Ordered to lie upon the Table.

WASHINGTON:

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1817.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.

I communicate, for the information of Congress, the report of the director of the Mint, of the operation of that establishment during the last year.

JAMES MADISON.

January 6th. 1817.

Mint of the United States.

January 1*st* 1817

Sir,

I have now the honour of laying before you, a report of the operations of the Mint during the last year.

From the statement of the Treasurer, herewith, transmitted, it will appear, that within the above period, there have been struck and emitted.—

In silver coins, 67,153 pieces, amounting to 28,575 dollars and 75 cents; and in copper coins, 2,820,982 pieces amounting to 28,209 dollars and 28 cents.

The amount of the latter would have been considerably greater, had it not been for a disappointment in the supply of copper. Measures, however, are now taken, to prevent such disappointments in future.

The stagnation which has for some time existed in the circulation of specie currency, has almost totally prevented the deposits of gold and silver bullion for coinage. But there is now a prospect that this will not long continue to be the case—the Mint having, at this time, in its vaults deposits of these metals to a very considerable amount.

The repairs of the Mint, which you were pleased to authorize, are now nearly completed. A substantial brick building has been erected on the site formerly occupied by an old wooden building; and in the apparatus and arrangement of machinery, which have been adopted, many important improvements have been introduced. Among these is the substitution of a steam-engine, for the

horse-power heretofore employed. A change which, it is believed, will not only diminish the expenses of the establisment, but greatly facilitate all its principal operations.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
With the greatest respect,
And esteem, your most obedient servant,

R PATTERSON.

James Madison,
President of the United States.

A STATEMENT

Of the Coins struck at the Mint of the United States, from the 1st of January to the 31st of December, 1816, inclusive: viz.

Silver Coins, . . .	47,150 20,003	Half Dollars, Quarter Dollars, . . .	28,575 75
Copper Coins, . . .	2,820,982	Cents, ...	28,209 82
Number of Pieces,	2,888,135		
		Total amount in Dollars,	56,785 57

Mint of the United States,
Treasurer's Office, Philadelphia, 31st December, 1816.
JAMES RUSH.

AN ABSTRACT

Of the Ordinary Expenses of the Mint of the United States, from the 1st of January, to the 31st of December, 1816, inclusive: viz.

Amount paid in Salaries of the Officers and Clerks, . .		9,600 00
Ditto.	Wages of Labourers, ...	3,711 08
Ditto.	Incidental and contingent expenses and repairs, ...	4,930 92
	Dollars,	18,242 00

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JAMES RUSH.